

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

I am a citizen who wants to be informed about the political, and I am greatly disappointed by the lack of broadcast programming that addresses political and electoral issues.

Local public affairs programming is virtually non-existent--constituting less than one half of 1% of all local programming. More than half of news broadcasts prior to the 2002 elections did not include a single campaign story.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

The airwaves are a limited public good, licensed by the government, which represents the people, to broadcasters. We the citizenry have full privileges and rights to demand that these airwave serve the public's needs as well as the business desires of broadcasters, so please stop selling out our public interest.

Sincerely,

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